

CLASSIFICATION ~~SECRET-CONTROL/US~~ ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~COUNTRY Soviet Zone of Germany REPORT NO. [REDACTED]TOPIC Zerbst Airfield~~CONFIDENTIAL~~EVALUATION See below PLACE OBTAINED [REDACTED] 25X1A6aDATE OF CONTENT 10 to 27 March 1950DATE OBTAINED [REDACTED] 25X1A6a DATE PREPARED 9 May 1950

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25X1X6 [REDACTED] 1. There was no flying at the Zerbst (M 52/D 98) air- 25X1B0a
field between 10 and 21 March 1950. Trucks [REDACTED]
25X1B0a [REDACTED] went to the airfield.

25X1X6 [REDACTED] 2. Twelve jet fighters (swept-back wings and elevator as-
sembly set high at high rudder assembly) and 50 to 60
conventional fighters were parked in front of the hang-
ars at the field on 27 March 1950. More aircraft were
parked in some open hangars.

description of conventional fighters: One radial engine,
three-bladed propeller, red engine cowling, trapezoidal
wings with straight edges, trapezoidal elevator assembly,
landing gear retracting inward, light blue paint.

25X1B0a [REDACTED] 3. Twenty conventional fighters continually made individual 25X1B0a
flights between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Trucks [REDACTED]
drove to the field. The road
along the southern edge of the field was blocked to
civilian traffic. No gun emplacements were seen.
Soviet soldiers wearing red-bordered, black epaulets were
standing at the firing ranges. They were apparently as-
signed to the airfield.

25X1A6a [REDACTED] Comment:

The report confirms the assumed occupation of the air-
field by fighter units. According to previous reports,
two fighter regiments were stationed there. These regi-
ments, equipped with La-9s prior to the arrival of jet
planes, have been recently reequipped with jet planes of

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type 14. A total of about 40 jet aircraft are assumed to be stationed in Zerbst. The LA-9s have apparently not been shipped away. The motor vehicle numbers reported were previously observed to be assigned to the Zerbst fighter unit.

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